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Brownback strips protection of LGBT state employees



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas Gov. **Sam Brownback** meets with supporters in Cat Town before the football game against Texas Tech on Oct. 4, 2014 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. On Wednesday, it was announced that Brownback rescinded an executive order protecting LGBT state employees from workplace discrimination.

By **KELLY IVERSON**
THE COLLEGIAN

On Tuesday, Brownback took away the protections of LGBT state employees in the workplace when facing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender.

"We are all more than our sexual orientation," said Zachary Stroth, senior in family studies and human services, in regards to Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's recent decision. "Focus on the quality of my work ethics; not who I'm taking to bed."

In 2007, former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius created an executive order which expanded protections in the state workplace

to include lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees.

K-State employees are protected from discrimination in the workplace because of the university policy of nondiscrimination. Regardless of the rescinding of the Sebelius order, the university is not required to change this policy, according to President Kirk Schulz in a statement released Wednesday.

"Our university governance bodies have endorsed principles that affirm the inherent dignity and value of every person while valuing diversity," Schulz said in the statement. "As we engage in respectful dialogue on this and other issues, I would be happy to hear from anyone in our university community."

According to Brandon Haddock, student services coordina-

tor at K-State's LGBT Resource Center, state employees had the privilege of being protected in the first place by the Sebelius' executive order. It did not, however, include people that were not state employees.

"This is a symbolic step backward that the governor and the state is trying to do, to appeal to a minority political base," Haddock said.

Haddock said that just because an individual can go and get married to their same-sex partners in some counties, they can still get fired from their jobs and possibly lose their houses.

"There's a long, long list of discrimination that the state has continued to participate in against same-sex couples and those that identify as LGBT," Haddock said. "We still have a

long ways to go in the state."

Haddock said that this gesture by Brownback makes members of the LGBT community not feel welcome in Kansas.

"Students that see this action by the governor feel like they are not respected," Haddock said. "They feel like their rights are not respected. Even though this may have not pertained to an individual, it's still hurtful, and it gives the image of discrimination and that discrimination is okay."

Stroth actively supports and raises awareness for the LGBT community. He said he had a feeling that once Kansans re-elected Brownback for a second term back in November, the LGBT community would see more shake-ups.

"I want to say that I was surprised, but sadly I can't," Stroth said.

As a professional within the career services field, Career of Employment Services Director Kerri Keller said that these policies do impact Kansas's image for anyone who might be thinking of taking a job here or who might be accepting a transfer with a company to Kansas.

"I don't think that it communicates support for individuals and families that depend on their income that support their families," Keller said. "It all is going to impact our own university place of employment as well, but we're not the only kind of work setting that is going to be potentially impacted."

To Stroth, Brownback's decision is ostracizing and dehumanizing, and said that it makes members of the LGBT community feel unwelcomed in Kansas.

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"BROWNBACK"

Black, LGBT communities given voice in documentary

By **TANEYSHA HOWARD**
THE COLLEGIAN

On Wednesday afternoon, Hale Library hosted a free screening of the award-winning documentary, "The New Black." Sponsored by the Feminists Igniting Resistance and Empowerment with American Ethnic Studies, Diversity Programming Council, DOW Center for Multicultural and Community Studies and the English Department, the documentary showcases different perspectives about how the African-American community is dealing with gay rights, the same-sex marriage movement and the fight over civil rights.

"In our (FIRE) mission statement, it states that our goal is to center the voices of people made invisible or marginalized and silence," said FIRE president Natasha Bailey, senior in family studies and human services and women studies. "We also thought it was important to show this film during Black History Month because it's not exclusive to just the LGBT community or to the black community. It shows that the black LGBT community is being marginalized, and this is a conversation that needs to be had."

The film also examined homophobia in the black church and reveals measures that some of the Christian communities take to exploit the gay right movement so they can maintain their anti-gay political agenda.

"I use to be a part of FIRE and I felt that it was very important to support an event where a complicated issue would be presented in an intellectual way and I could learn more about it," Mariya Vaughan, assistant coordinator for K-State First, said. "I thought it was an excellent story versus just seeing a whole bunch of newspaper headlines, and I got to see people who are actively working to make a change."

The film incorporated the opinions of many people who are in favor of, and opposed to, same-sex marriage. After the film, filmmaker Yoruba Richen facilitated a panel discussion about the relationship between civil rights and marriage equality.

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"BLACK"

Junior's commitment to change, helping others provides life direction, led to Truman scholarship

By **BRIDGET BERAN**
THE COLLEGIAN

This is part three of a four-part series on the K-State Truman nominees.

Giving back to a community can look like a number of things; for Eleanor Dickens, junior in anthropology, political science and international studies, seeing every aspect of charity has been incredibly important.

From her work as chair of the K-State Proud campaign to serving as president for the International Coordinating Council, Dickens has spend a great deal of her time at K-State giving back.

Each year, K-State nominates a select few students deemed outstanding by their professors and peers with an interest in public service for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

K-State may nominate up to four students to compete against over 600 students from around the U.S.

To Dickens, whose family was predominately educated in Texas, the decision to call K-State home was not one she made lightly. After visiting the campus and encountering the K-State Proud campaign, she decided that K-State was the right place for her.

"I could see myself gaining experience here instead of just dryly going through curriculum," Dickens said.

Gaining experience has been a vital part of her time at K-State, and as such Dickens throws herself wholeheartedly into the activities of her choosing. This, however, sometimes becomes problematic.

"I came to college and wanted to deeply invest in a few things and be able to spend a lot of my time on them and not be spread so thin," Dickens said. "But I found a lot of things I want to

get involved in, so I still fell into my previous troubles of wanting to be involved in everything. It's been difficult to learn to allocate time to all the different things that I'm passionate about."

Her commitment and passion did not go unnoticed by her professors and peers. Dickens works as a teaching assistant for Marta Alfonso-Durruty, assistant professor in sociology and anthropology, who said that the junior is incredibly passionate and ambitious.

"When Eleanor decides to commit to something, she commits," said Dickens' Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister Allie Dwyer, junior in communication sciences and disorders. "She gives all her time, heart and energy to it. Whether it be a The Proud Campaign or grad school, Eleanor will make the most of all her experiences to grow not only herself, but those around her."

Her passion is focused around public policy to help the less fortunate in under-de-

veloped countries. This passion helped her choose her majors; she wanted to ensure that she wasn't going blindly into a situation, assuming that she knew what was best for the people in the actual situation. This lead her to her policy proposal paper for the Truman scholarship, which centered around economic effects of slave labor.

"I'm really interested in working in the future with international policies dealing with human and sex trafficking," Dickens said. "The policy that I chose to suggest was one that centered around holding different businesses accountable for using slave labor in their supply chains."

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"TRUMAN"

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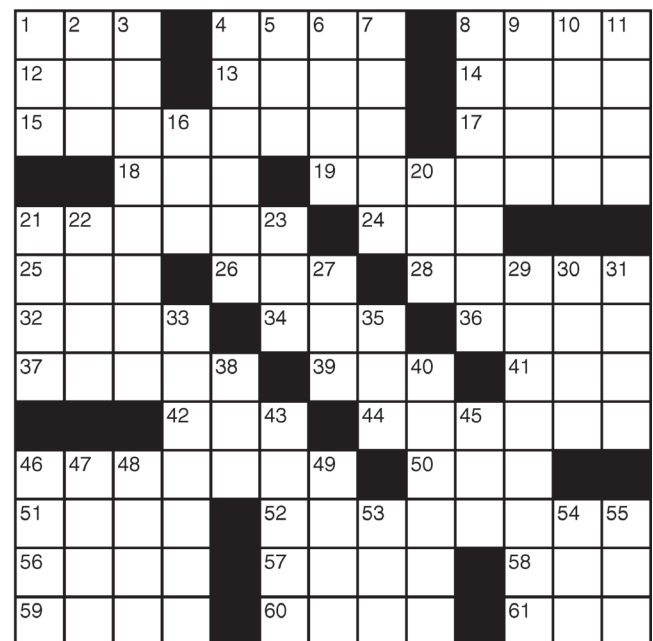
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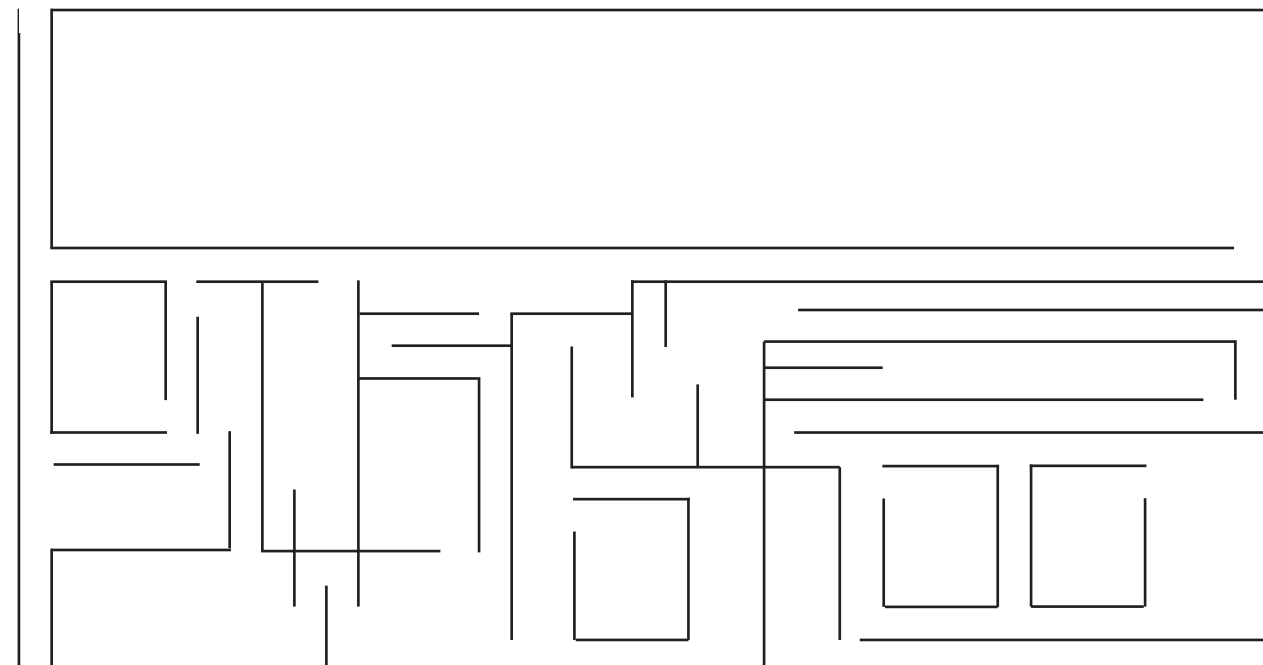
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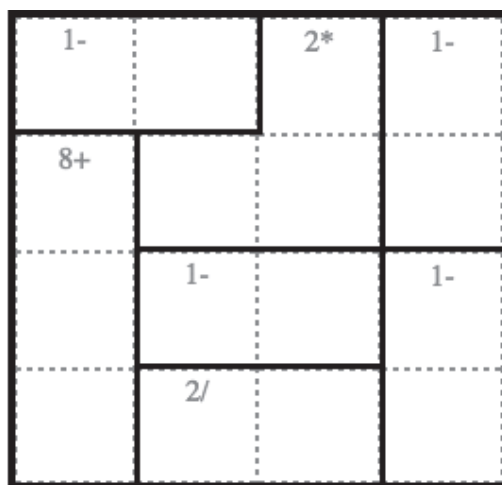
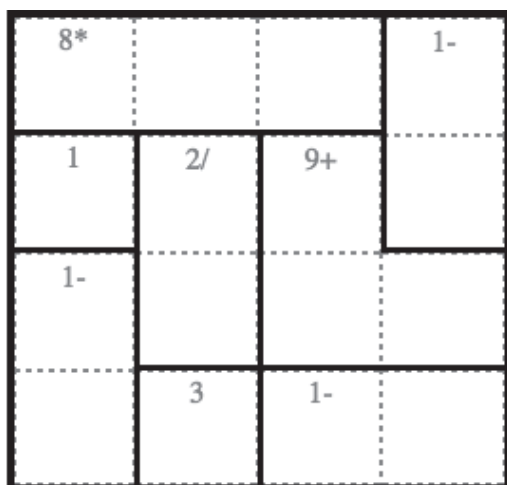
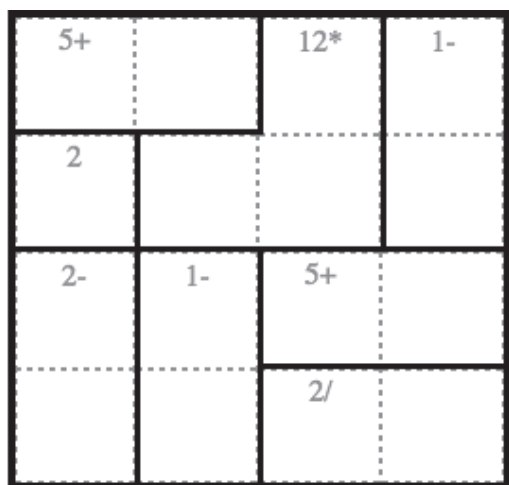
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K-State, Manhattan communities prepare for threat of measles return

By HANNAH VU
THE COLLEGIAN

Some of the most dangerous things in life can be easily forgotten about. One such thing is measles, a rare but serious disease that is slowly making its way back into the homes of Americans. Measles has been around for quite a while now, but not many people have given much thought to it until just recently.

This may be because measles was declared exterminated from the U.S. in 2000, according to the Washington Post article titled, "Measles outbreak spreads to three more states and Washington D.C.; 121 people now affected." Since then, more and more people have been declining or neglecting vaccinations. Within the last couple of weeks, people have started to pay more attention to it.

This is because of measles outbreak that occurred in Disneyland last December. According to the Centers for



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Volunteers at the health fair give out paperwork to students to fill out before getting their vaccination shot in the K-State Student Union on Nov. 2, 2011. One of the most forgetful tasks for students is to make sure they've taken important steps into avoiding illnesses such as measles.

Disease Control and Prevention website, as of Jan. 1, 121 people from 17 states have been affected by measles.

According to Lucy Westcott for Newsweek, "January

2015 saw more measles cases than all of 2012."

Measles is a highly contagious infection caused by a virus. The virus lives in the infected person's nose and

throat, so it can be spread to others by sneezing or coughing. Once it is in the air, it can stay there for up to two hours.

"The best ways to protect yourself and your loved ones

from vaccine-preventable diseases is to get vaccinated," said Patti Grub, infectious disease nurse for Riley County Health Department and Family Connections.

Vaccination is important because it lowers the risk of catching the disease or spreading it to others and causing an outbreak. Grub also suggests practicing good hand washing, as well as sneezing or coughing into one's elbow or tissue.

For students who needed a vaccination, Lafene Health Center offered a measles mumps and rubella vaccination clinic on Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m. If the measles outbreak were to spread to Manhattan, K-State already has a well-developed plan and is prepared for any major infectious disease outbreak.

The Manhattan community and the Riley County Health Department are working especially hard to be active in preventing measles in the Manhattan area.

"We have an internal 'Contagious Disease Policy' and a new policy has been

developed by the Infectious Disease Advisory Committee from the university that addresses the plans for managing an infectious disease outbreak," said Catherine Barry, Lafene's associate clinical director and risk manager. "Any outbreak of a communicable disease would be managed in conjunction and cooperation with the Riley County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Potentially, the CDC might be involved in a large outbreak in any community."

Even with this information, collective awareness can be helpful to students and faculty. Lafene recently sent out an email warning people of the possibility of disease. Luke Lindesmith, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said before receiving the email, he had no idea the disease was going around again.

"Now that I know, I am actually a little concerned," Lindesmith said. "I plan on keeping tabs on the measles situation and if there is a closer case I might go get a shot."

Service Inspections

Once a week, The Collegian will share inspection reports from Manhattan restaurants and businesses. So go ahead and read on, if you dare.

Inspections are compiled from the Kansas Department of Agriculture

POWERCAT SPORTS GRILL

3011 Anderson Ave Ste. A
Date: Feb. 5, 2015
Reason: Routine

3-101.11 In the Kolpak walk-in cooler, there was turkey and ham opened and without a date. Employee wasn't sure when they were opened. Corrected on site: discarded. In the bar area, there was three-fourths of a liter of sour apple liquor with one small fly. Corrected on site: discarded.

4-601.11(A) The large mixer had dried food debris on the metal guard and metal connector for the mixer blade and stored as clean. Corrected on site: cleaned.

3-501.16(A)(2) In make table one, there were two bags of chicken made on Feb. 3 with an internal temperature of 44.3 F and 43.5 F (both above the fill line). The ambient temperature of the unit was 36.3 F. Corrected on site: both bags discarded. By the fryer, there was raw egg batter

on an ice bath with an internal temperature of 55.1 F. It was placed out at 11 a.m. and was measured at 1:30 p.m. Corrected on site: added more ice to the ice bath to cool it down (going to be discarded at 2 p.m.).

4-202.11(A)(2) On the utensil storage rack, there was one large plastic lid with a chipped edge. Corrected on site: discarded.

4-601.11(C) There was dust buildup on the vent to the ice machine located at the drink station. Corrected on site: person in charge cleaned the vent. There is also dust buildup on the ceiling vent above the utensil storage rack.

5-205.15(B) The floor drain located at the drink station is slow to drain (note: called plumber and he is set to come out around 5 p.m. on Feb. 5).

Educational materials distributed.

Result: No follow-up

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Beta Theta Pi
500 Sunset Ave.
Date of Inspection:
Feb. 6, 2015
Reason: Disaster

Notes: One of the boys in the house was frying a hamburger on the stove and a grease fire started due to

the grease trap being full. He thought the temperature knob was turned off but it was left on high. There was smoke damage but no extensive fire damage. They used 10 pounds of dry chemical spray to put the grease fire out.

The food contact surfaces, dishes, etc. will need to be cleaned. A chemical cleaning crew was called to clean up the chemical residue. All food sitting out on the counters and in the reach-in coolers opened was discarded.

BLACK | Filmmaker spurs on post-film talks

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"I think it's super important to have her (Richen), here because we didn't have to guess what direction to go in when discussing the film," Bailey said. "We were able to have conversation and get confirmation and learn from her. The dynamic of her being here helped us see her vision for the film."

The panel addressed whether being gay is a choice, the criticism that the LGBTQ community receives, the same-sex marriage movement, what happens next if marriage equality happens, and whether or not same-sex marriage is a civil right issue.

Alaina Littlejohn, senior in animal science and German, secretary of FIRE and vice president of LGBTQ and Allies, sat on the panel alongside Richen. Littlejohn, who identifies as pansexual, came from a racially mixed family. She said that her white family members didn't feel so strongly about her sexual orientation as her black half.

"My black half were more resistance because of heavy church influence," Littlejohn said. "They



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"The New Black" filmmaker **Yoruba Richen** speaks with a panel of students, as well as those in attendance, at the showing of her documentary in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library on Wednesday.

eventually came around to supporting me because I'm family."

To Littlejohn, there

fluidity is more accepted to male.

"I thought it was interesting to see and hear

their view. I like component that the film showed the view of both sides and not put down the opposition."

Richen brought up Proposition 8 in California and how blacks felt about the comparison between black rights and gay rights.

"Appropriation was made without fully understanding," Richen said. "The gay rights fight and the black rights fight are both freedom fights. There are similarities, but there are differences."

"Sometimes people get so caught up in a cause that they only see their view."

ALAINA LITTLEJOHN
SENIOR, ANIMAL SCIENCE

seems to be opposition when someone conflicts with gender norms. She added that female sexual

opposing views," Littlejohn said. "Sometimes people get so caught up in a cause that they only see

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1100 Fremont St.
Date: Feb. 5, 2015
Reason: Survey

3-101.11 In the True reach-in cooler, there was an open bag of pepperoni slices without a date. Person in charge didn't know when they were opened. Corrected on site: discarded.

4-601.11(A) The large mixer had dried food debris on the metal connector for the mixer blade and

stored as clean. Corrected on site: cleaned mixer.

7-102.11 There was one working spray bottle with yellow liquid and without a label. PIC stated it was D-Scale (cleaner). Corrected on site: labeled bottle.

7-201.11(A) On the chemical table, there was a jug of vinegar being stored directly next to two jugs of Glass Advantage. Corrected on site: removed vinegar jug.

7-201.11(B) There were several chemicals (liquid dish soap, Ajax bleach and oven cleaner) being stored directly above the three-compartment sink. Corrected on site: removed all chemicals.

4-302.12(A) There was no food

temperature measuring device at the time of inspection.

4-202.11(A)(2) In the top utensil drawer, there were two rubber spatulas with deep cracks on the food contact surface and one plastic spatula with melted tips. Corrected on site: discarded plastic spatula and trimmed the rubber spatulas (smooth).

4-601.11(C) There is dust on the ceiling and vent above the Champion dish machine.

6-501.11 There are two broken floor tiles below the grill.

6-501.114(B) There are leaves behind the grill and oven.

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Result: Follow-up



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Date: Feb. 9, 2015
Reason: Routine

3-501.16(A)(1) In the Hatco Warmer, there were seven large and nine small sausage rolls with an internal temperature of 125.5 F around 8:45 a.m. Person in charge said they were put in the unit around 5 a.m. Corrected on site: discarded items.

3-305.11(A)(1) In the back storage room there were two bags of sweet dough mix being stored directly on the floor.

4-903.11(A) In the back storage room there was one box of single serve cups being stored directly on the floor.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Andrew Hammond
The Collegian

Ask LeBron James, who's had to do it twice now, or even former K-State men's head coach Bob Huggins, who does it on a yearly basis. K-State head women's basketball coach Jeff Mitte can put himself in that company, as he faced off against his former TCU squad for the first time Wednesday night.

"I always tell my players that you can control only what you can control, four minutes at a time," Mitte said after the game. "There wasn't anything that changed in our preparation."

As the Mitte storyline unfolded, another one immediately took shape in the form of 6-foot-5-inch sophomore Breanna Lewis. From the onset, the Horned Frogs struggled to contain Lewis on both ends of the floor.

In just a few minutes, Lewis had four points and three rebounds. She was just getting started, as were the Wildcats (15-8, 5-7) who looked sharp on their way to a 93-79 victory.

"I think she continues to improve," Mitte said. "I think she has better clarity going into each game, and I hope we're coaching her better and she played very well and made great decisions."

Lewis finished with a career-high 28 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Ashia Woods added 21 points on the evening to help the Wildcats earn their 15th win this season. Lewis and Woods were two of four K-State players who finished in double-figures.

"I thought these two (Woods and Lewis) were fantastic," Mitte said. "They made really strong moves, and they made the right moves early in the game. I thought



RODNEY DIMICK | THE COLLEGIAN

Head coach **Jeff Mittie** points to line out his team on Wednesday at Bramlage Coliseum. His team of Wildcats defeated TCU 93-79.

it was real consistent throughout the game."

The game appeared to reach an early decision with the the Horned Frogs trailing by double-digits often due to poor shooting and defensive struggles. K-State finished the contest with 54 points in the paint, most of which were scored in first half as the Horned Frogs

dealt with early foul trouble.

"Defensively, (we did) not perform very well," TCU head coach Raegan Pebley said. "We had foul trouble and that was frustrating for the team. We were hoping to get to the foul line more and that did not happen."

After a Deborah Meeks jumper at the buzzer gave K-State a 48-

33 lead at the intermission, TCU turned up the pressure to begin the second half. TCU scored 18 points off 14 K-State turnovers, including eight turnovers in the second half, but the Wildcats tightened up their play late to finish with a 14-point victory.

"I felt like we tried to work on poise and control because we

were expecting a trap, once we got it to the middle of the floor things worked well as a whole," Woods said. "We just connected and had good chemistry with that; it just flowed well."

K-State returns to action on Sunday against Texas Tech. Tipoff is set for 1 p.m. from Bramlage Coliseum.

Loss in Morgantown extends losing streak to 5 games for K-State

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By Emilio Rivera
The Collegian

For K-State, wins are a must in order to get into contention for postseason play. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, the bleeding didn't stop against West Virginia on Wednesday night, losing 76-72 and dropping them below .500 for the season.

This five-game losing streak marks the first time since February of 2005 that the Wildcats (12-13, 5-7) have dropped more than four games. That season, the Wildcats finished 17-12 overall and 7-11 in the Big 12.

"I thought we had a better plan than the last time, you have to go through it to understand it, I think they understood it," Weber told K-State sports after the game. "We cut down our turnovers, (but) we probably missed too many layups."

K-State relied on senior forward Nino Williams on offense to keep them in the game, with Williams leading all scorers with 22 points, tying a career high. Nino was one of four players get score in

double-digits on the night.

In the first game against West Virginia (17-3, 5-3), K-State turned the ball over 25 times, this time around they only gave the ball up 17 times.

Also, the Wildcats did an impressive job in hanging their defense in order to stop the Mountaineers' stout front court in the paint towards the end of the game. In the first half, the Mountaineers had 28 points in the paint, while in the second half the Wildcats limited them to only eight points.

"The difference in the game was that little stretch where we lost our poise and we didn't have timeouts," Weber said. "We did a much better job defensively in the second half of protecting the paint."

While other facets of their game may have been in question throughout this five-game skid, but their effort to not give up in absence of their leader hasn't left this team. The Wildcats mounted a four-minute stand where they outscored the Mountaineers 12-0 to take a two-point lead with 2:25 remaining in the game.

"I told them, 'Hey we got nothing to lose, just come and play,'" Weber said. "We cut the lead, and we just kept battling."

Unfortunately for K-State,



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Senior forward **Thomas Gipson** sits and listens to head coach Bruce Weber during a timeout in the second half of the Wildcats' 57-61 shortcoming at the hands of the No. 25 Longhorns on Feb. 7 in Bramlage Coliseum.

this is where their downfall began. After they took the lead, they managed to turn over the ball four time, miss three free throws, and a layup to end the game.

"We grabbed the lead, and we don't get a stop then Nino travels on the inbound," Weber said. "Those little things all make a difference, so I'm proud of them but it's still dis-

appointing because we keep hanging with the top teams in the country and we don't get any reward from it."

In the first half, K-State allowed two big mountaineers run, which allowed the Mountaineers to take extend their lead to a 12-point margin by halftime.

The first run was a 6-0 run that put the Mountaineers

ahead by their first double-digit lead, 35-25. The second run, which was an 8-0 run extended that lead to 12 points. These two runs seemingly by West Virginia seemingly captured back momentum, a trend that seemingly spanned the game.

One of the main reason why the Mountaineers succeeded in mounting runs was their ability to shoot the big

three-point shots, shooting .571 from behind the arc in the first half. On the other side, K-State couldn't find their spark from three point range, going 0-4 from long range.

The next opportunity for K-State to stop the bleeding will be when they take on No. 17 Oklahoma on Valentines Day in Bramlage Coliseum. First-tip is 7 p.m.



Wildcats snap 5-match losing streak with mid-week victory against Bears

TENNIS

By Stephen Brunson
The Collegian

No. 66 K-State women's tennis topped Missouri State 5-1 Wednesday at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center in Manhattan to snap a five-match losing streak.

The Wildcats are now 14-3 all-time against the Bears and 3-5 on the season.

Wednesday was K-State's first home match in nearly a month. Head

coach Danielle Steinberg welcomed the return to the Little Apple and the win column.

"We are very happy to be back home," Steinberg told K-State Sports. "It was a tough couple of weeks on the road. Tough matches and a lot of travel, so being at home is definitely a bonus. I think the girls did very well today. We had some adversity this week in practice with some injuries, but everyone stepped up and kept their head up and worked hard and I think we played well today."

The Wildcats took a quick 1-0 lead with a pair of doubles wins from two sophomore duos in Palma

Juhasz and Livia Cirnu, and Maria Panaite and Iva Bago.

On the singles side, the Wildcats made quick work to clinch a 3-0 lead. Bago matched her win total from last year with a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Cirnu won her third-straight match to improve to 10-7 on the season.

Juhasz capped off the afternoon for the Wildcats later at No. 1 singles — her first victory at the single spot — with a victory over Emma Turudija, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

K-State will stay home this weekend and host UMKC and Emporia State in a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 11 a.m.

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Sophomore **Palma Juhasz** concentrates before batting the ball over the net on Wednesday at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center. Juhasz defeated Ema Turudija of Missouri

BROWNBACK | Students fear for future

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“Why is it that our sexual orientation defines us in the LGBT community, unlike with those not in the community,” Stroth said. “Why would anyone want to work in a state where their sexual orientation matters more than the work they’re putting out?”

Stroth said that Brownback is doing a great job at alienating Kansas and taking us back to a time where certain communities were treated like second-class citizens.

According to Keller, LGBT students graduating in May are now faced with a bigger dilemma than just finding a job.

“I think it makes them a lot more vulnerable to inequity and discrimination in the workplace,” Keller said. “It means that they have very little legal recourse when there are acts of discrimination or any other kind of unfair employment practices that they meet in the workplace.”

Members of the LGBT community make companies profitable and are doing very important work in our society and they shouldn’t have to be vulnerable, Keller said. It is historically shown that the protections that

were once in place are necessary.

“This is another situation that is a difficult cultural change for our country and our communities,” Keller said.

This wasn’t the only change Brownback made earlier this week. He issued another executive order which encourages employment for veterans and disabled individuals, according to his media release. Several actions were also taken to abolish many advisory groups. These included the Governor’s Wind Working Group, established by Sebelius; as well as the Commission of Graduation and Dropout Prevention and Recovery and the Kansas Food Security Task Force, established by former Gov. Mark Parkinson. Brownback rescinded a total of nine previous executive orders and abolished councils, task forces, committees, boards, advisory councils and commissions.

“Many of these commissions, working groups and task forces have not met for several years or duplicate other ongoing efforts,” Brownback said in a statement. “These changes streamline operations and reduce operational costs of maintaining these various committees.”

Also, Brownback announced his plan to decrease education spending by millions last Thursday. The cut resulted in K-State looking at reductions of \$3.4 million in state funding. An additional \$28 million will be cut from elementary and secondary education schools and more than \$16 million from schools of higher education.

“I don’t really see where that helps us save money,” Haddock said. “That’s been a huge controversy in the state here lately is the economy and cutting of education. There are things that I feel like should be addressed more so than allowing LGBT folks to have those personal right within the work place.”

Stroth said that the past 24 hours have led to fears as students continue to search for jobs after they graduate.

“The only way to relieve the fear would be to research the companies we are looking at for jobs,” Stroth said. “See if they are LGBT friendly, and if it’s not made clear, ask before you even get hired. Chances are, if they are a company that will fire based on sexual orientation, they’re not a company you’ll want to be working for.”

TRUMAN | K-State friend says Dickens is ‘something special’

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Dickens credits friends and teachers, both past and current, with teaching her about resilience and patience. On the other hand, Alfonso-Durruty said she has found Dickens to be incredibly dedicated to helping people and improving every day.

“I think Eleanor has always been extremely self-critical and she’s also very reflective,” Alfonso-Durruty said. “She’s not just interested in having good grades so she’s not your traditional good student. She’s also interested in improving herself. I think Eleanor is very well-rounded, both in terms of her academic skills as well as her social interests.”

Dwyer, who has known Dickens since they were both freshmen, said she has enjoyed watching the Truman nominee grow throughout the past several years as she invested in clubs and activities that Dickens said she could make a difference in.

“Although Eleanor pushes herself to be the best she can; her favorite commitments in her life are those that serve others,” Dwyer said. “Her motivation and undeniable passion to leave

every place and person better than she found them is something special.”

For Dickens, the thrill of the Truman scholarship came from being able to have the opportunity to try to fix a complicated issue if given all the resources. Though her professors and advisers were beneficial in her scholarship process, her biggest role models are her two older sisters and her grandmother.

“If I know anyone who is the pinnacle of resilience, that is my grandma,” Dickens said. “But when you talk to her she is the most peaceful person. She’s just wonderful and has taught me a lot of lessons about what it means to be a courageous and honest person.”

The lessons she has learned from all aspects of her life, family, friends and teachers teachers have all cumulated to bring her to the point of her Truman scholarship application. While it is just one small piece in her puzzle, it could provide Dickens a stepping stone to a great graduate school and her life in public policy beyond. Dickens said she always tries to ensure that in all she does, she has good and pure intentions.

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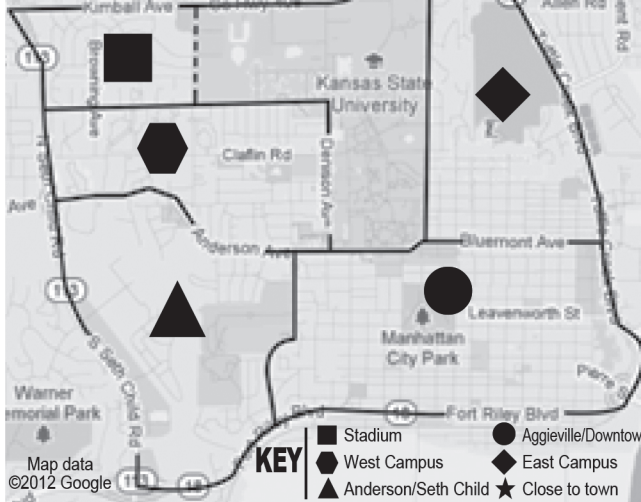
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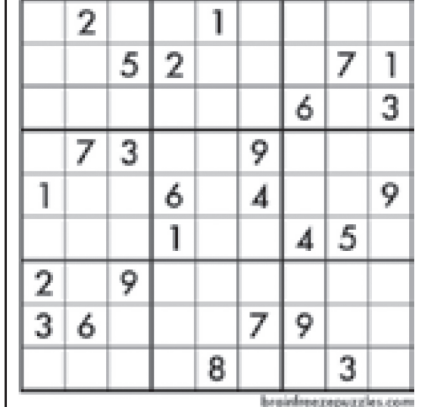
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Professor brings culture to classroom

BY SONIA KUMAR
THE COLLEGIAN

Ji Hye Kang, fashion industry professional and assistant professor of apparel, textiles and interior design, is both stylish and diverse. What sparked her interest in fashion and merchandising, though, wasn't necessarily the fashion industry.

"Honestly, I have been interested in all kinds of visual things," Kang said. "So, when I was younger, I wanted to become an architect. Then sometimes I wanted to be an artist or painter, and then I wanted to be a merchandiser."

Kang's desire to become a merchandiser came from her older sister, an alum of Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, who introduced her to the career.

"It seemed to me that a merchandiser decides on many things," Kang said. "The pricing, quantity ... and it seems to me a merchandiser can manage. It's a funnel effect; merchandisers take an important role to filter out lots of information and to deliver them to consumers, which I thought sounded awesome."

Fashion did, however, play a big part in her choice to pursue merchandising, because she was driven to get a job after she graduated. She knew she had strong abilities in the industry, one she knew

she would be able to get a job in. In fact, her interest in fashion and her job allows her to be aware of current trends.

"Since I'm teaching merchandising courses, I think (not very actively) about what is going on in the market (and don't seek) exposure to the current trends," Kang said. "My style is in the middle of very innovative and behind trends; not taking a lot of risk, but a little. I keep watching trends and take the styles that many my age are afraid to try."

Kang said she has a very small amount of wardrobe pieces, but takes tasteful risks. She puts together an outfit that makes it seem like she is wearing something new every time she comes to class. Aaron Simon, sophomore in apparel design, admires her style and wardrobe.

"(Kang) comes to class every day looking like she works for 'Vogue,' and the greatest part is that she is so effortless about it" he said. "It doesn't look like she spent hours putting an ensemble together. I genuinely think her wardrobe is just so magnificently thought-out that she can pull anything from it and make it work. My favorite shirt of hers is this fuzzy red sweater she wears. I would probably steal it if I ever had the chance."

After getting her bachelor's and master's degrees at Yonsei University, Kang gained several years of experience as a fashion marketing consultant and a merchandiser.



SONIA KUMAR | THE COLLEGIAN

Ji Hye Kang, assistant professor of apparel, textiles and interior design, prepares a powerpoint for one of her classes in her office in Justin Hall on Jan. 29. Also a fashion industry professional, Kang has always had an interest in creating unique and diverse fashion creations.

er. She then received her doctoral degree from Oklahoma State University in apparel merchandising with an emphasis in international apparel marketing.

"I recognized my ability wasn't satisfying me to solve the industry's problems, so I decided to follow further education because I wanted to learn more about broader perspectives like environmental and general perspectives," Kang said.

Kang applied to Oklahoma State because of an alumni link who needed a teacher's assistant. The opportunity led

her to getting into Oklahoma State with a scholarship, which she said was "crucial to making her decision."

At first, she came to the U.S. and Oklahoma State because she needed more financial support after getting married and having a son. After going back to South Korea, Kang realized that the U.S. had more job opportunities for higher education, and applied to K-State.

"I finally like Manhattan," Kang said.

Kang initially disliked Manhattan because of problems involving maintenance

and cultural issues which hindered her ability to enjoy the area. Moving her son Douglas, 15, into a new environment was also challenging. In classes, however, Kang was busy making her students laugh and smile. She said she enjoys what she does and her students love having her.

"Lots of people tell me I'm so funny," Kang said. "I really enjoy a good sense of humor, and my friends tell me that I can pick up on jokes from current issues that are arising."

Hattie Doolittle, sophomore in apparel marketing,

is a student of Kang and said she enjoys Kang as a professor.

"I appreciate the way she incorporates humor and real-world examples within the courses, because it helps make class more entertaining and reminds me of how much I love my major," Doolittle said.

When it comes to due dates and misunderstandings, Maggie Stuart, sophomore in apparel design, said, "Dr. Kang is really kind and forgiving."

While she is a loved and respected teacher, mentor and friend, Kang enjoys taking a break from even that once in a while.

"I really like cooking, because it makes me concentrate on something other than teaching," Kang said.

Kang often eats Korean food, steamed rice and soup. She said she is very open to delving into other cultures through food and in general.

"I can manage the entire process of making a meal," Kang said. "Spending a few hours or a few minutes I can see the results. I think it's a good process because research is really hard. It takes a lot of persistence and teaching requires interaction. Cooking is something I can manage!"

Kang has knowledge and expertise in many different areas, and her enthusiasm for cooking as well as teaching has earned her the love and admiration of her students and the K-State family.

LOCAL AND STATE BRIEFS

Compiled by Som Kandlur

Sunset Zoo sets record attendance for last year

Manhattan's Sunset Zoo welcomed a record breaking 79,269 guests in 2014, a record year for the 82-year-old park, according to a Sunset Zoo press release.

Park attendance rose 6 percent from 2013, and 26 percent over a period of five years. Since 2012, the park has opened several major enhancements such as the Nature Exploration Center, an entryway educational facility and a veterinary clinic.

Sixty-three percent of all guests to the zoo in 2014 were from Riley, Geary and Pottawatomie counties, and roughly 25 percent of them were from out of Kansas.

"We are blown away by this growth," Sunset Zoo Director Scott Shoemaker said in the release. "Thank you — sincerely — to our local community and all of our guests for your fantastic support."

House committee aims to change Supreme Court selection process

The House Judicial Committee held a hearing Wednesday on two measures that would change the way state Supreme Court Justices are selected, according to the Little Apple Post.

One change would select the justices in partisan elections, while the other would allow the governor to appoint them.

Current Supreme Court vacancies are filled by the applicants being screened

by a nominating commission led by attorneys. The commission names three finalists and the governor picks one.

Representatives of three lawyers' associations told the panel that the changes would politicize the court and weaken the independence of the judiciary.

Any amendment must be passed by a two-thirds vote by the House and Senate, and passed by a majority in a statewide referendum.

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